variation formula. The recommendations of the Committee have not yet been accepted.

(e) Does not arise.

Admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya

634. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state : (a) whether it is a fact that admission, other than regular ones, are being ordered by Kendriya Vidyelaya Sangathan despite its undertaking to the High Court of Delhi to the effect that it would not do so until further orders the next hearing being 20th September, 1996; if so;

(b) what are the school-wise, details of such admission made till date for the session 1996-97; and

(c) what is the justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No special dispensation admission orders have been issued by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan against the directive of the Hon'ble Court of the Delhi dated 27.3.1996.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inability of NCERT to bring out Text Books on time

635. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the NCERT has not been able to bring out many of its text books even after the schools opened on July 1st 1996; and

(b) if so, what are the names of those books and the steps being taken to make these books available to students immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) No. Sir. As per the information furnished by NCERT, the Council has released 222 titles out of 227 for classes I—XII. The Council proposes to release the following five titles by the and of this month:

1. Business Studies-Part II for Class XII.
2. Ancient India for Class XI.
3. Prachin Bharat for Class XI.
4. Madhya Kalin Bharat for Class XI.
5. Bhugol Main Kshetriya Karya Eva Prayogshala Pravidhiyan for Class XI.

भागलपुर मंदार हिल रेलवे लाइन का विस्तार

636. **श्री जर्नादन यादव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बत की कृपा करेंगे कि (क) क्या दुमका के रास्ते से राम हाट तक भागलपुर मंदार हिल रेलवे लाइन के विस्तार संबंधित कार्य को स्वीकृत दे दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो विस्तार कार्य कब तक पूर्ण हो ज की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस विस्तार कार्य के संबंध में अब तक व प्रगति की गई है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज) (क) जी हां।

(ख) दसवीं योजना में।

(ग) अंतिम स्थान निर्धारण सर्वेक्षण और भू अधिग्रहण नक्शों को तैयार करने का कार्य शुरु कर दि गया है।

Train accident at unmanned level crossin in Kerala

637. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state : (a) whether at least 35 person incluidng 13 women and 2 children were kille and several others seriously injured whe speeding passenger train rammed into a bu carrying a marriage party at an unmanned leve crossing at Kottamkokkan in Alapuzha distric of Kerala on 14th May, 1996;

(b) if so, the detials and circumstance leading to the accident;

(c) what arrangements exist at the said leve crossing to avert such accident; and

(e) the comparative figures relating to leve crossing accidents during 1994, 1995 and 199

so far; indicating the number of casualities involved and the compensation paid to victims and their relatives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 14.5.1996, at 13.25 hrs. PP-4 Kayankulam-Ernakulam Passenger train dashed against a Bus at unmaned level crossing between Haripad and Kayankulam stations of Trivandrum division of Southern Railway. The accident occurred due to negligence on the part of driver of Bus who tried to cross the level crossing in the face of approaching train.

(c) The following arrangements exist at the unmanned level crossing in question to avert such accidents :—

i) Road signs are provided on the both sides at unmanned level crossing to warn road users.

ii) Speed breakers are provided to check the speed of road vehicles approaching towards the level crossing.

iii) Whistle Boards are provided on the both sides alongside the track to enable the trains driver to whistle and in this case the engine driver sounded the Whistle/Horn continously while crossing the level crossing.

iv) The level crossing is on the straight and its visibility was quite clear.

(d) The comparative figures of level crossing accidents on Southern Railway during 1994, 1995 and 1996 and casualities involved therein are as under :—

i) Year	No. of level crossing accidents
1994	13
1995	21
1996 (Upto June'96)	6

ii) Year	Killed	Grievous injury	Minor injury
1994	17	5	9
1995	17	5	16
1996 (Upto June' 96)	42	13	5

No compensation is paid to the victims in case of unmanned level crossing accidents.

Project report of the Cogentrix Power Project

638. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the project report of the Cogentrix Power Project in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the objection raised in the examination report;

(c) whether Government have cleared the project; and

(d) if so, the reasons for withdrawing the objections and the date of clearance given to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposed 1000 MW Thermal Power Project at Nandikur, Karnataka by M/s. Magalore Power Company was examined by the Expert Committee for Thermal Power Project constituted by the Ministry. Clarifications were sougth on use of sea water for cooling, installation of flue gas desulphurisation plant for control of sulphurdioxide emissions, so as to minimise adverse impact on the Western Ghats, rehabilitation of project affected persons, coal transportation, fly ash utilisation and thermal discharges into the sea, etc.

(c) and (d) Having satisfied itself with the proposed environmental safeguards to be provided in the project, the Committee recommended clearance for the project. The project was accorded environmental clearance on 11th June, 1996 stipulating various mitigative measures required for environmental protection.

Drought in Kachh Saurashtra Region

639. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scarcity conditions still prevail in many areas affected by drought in Kachh Saurashtra region;